

## Message Text

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ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 IOE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07

H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01

SPC-03 SS-20 USIA-15 ACDA-19 AF-10 ARA-16 EA-11

NEA-10 SR-02 ORM-03 DRC-01 /189 W

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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9383

USMISSION USUN NY PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNGA, ICRC, PARM, BE

SUBJECT: UNGA - LEGAL COMMITTEE - HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARMED

CONFLICTS

REFERENCE: STATE 240859

1. INSTRUCTIONS (REFTEL) CARRIED OUT BY DCM AND EMBOFF WITH BAUWENS, FONMIN DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, AND DE BREUCKER, OFFICIAL IN CHARGE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. THEY INFORMED US THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INSTRUCTED BELGIAN UN DELEGATION TO MAINTAIN NEGATIVE VOTE ON RESOLUTION RE COMBATANTS IN "LIBERATION STRUGGLES" UNLESS MOST OTHER WEST EUROPEANS DECIDE TO ABSTAIN. IN LATTER EVENT, BELGIAN DELEGATION AUTHORIZED TO ABSTAIN. VOTE WOULD BE EXPLAINED AS "EXPRESSION OF HUMANITARIAN CONCERN FOR VICTIMS OF ALL CONFLICTS". DELEGATION WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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SEEK TO MAKE CLEAR THAT RESOLUTION COULD IN NO WAY

PREJUDICE RESULTS OF FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE ON LAWS OF WAR.

2. COMMENT: BELGIANS APPARENTLY FEAR BEING ISOLATED AND  
WILL GO ALONG WITH EUROPEAN PARTNERS. IT WOULD APPEAR FROM  
HERE THAT LINE ON NEGATIVE VOTE STILL MAY BE HELD IF DELEGATIONS  
IN NEW YORK CAN BE CONVINCED THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ISOLATED  
SO LONG AS ONE DOES NOT BREAK RANKS AND START STAMPEDE TO  
ABSTAIN. BOOCHEVER

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